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FOLLOWING REPEAT OF USUN NEW YORK 3909 SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO CONAKRY, LISBON OCTOBER 13, 1973: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, GV, PU

SUBJ: GUINEA/BISSAU

1. GUINEA PERM REP CISSE ASKED TO MEET AMB. SCHAUFELLE
OCT. 11 TO DISCUSS UN, SPECIFICALLY SC, ACTION CONCERNING
GUINEA/BISSAU. SHE NOTED THAT TWO APPROACHES TO THE
QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AMONG AF'S: (1) APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION; (2) AN ITEM CONCERNING THE AGGRESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL AGAINST THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF
GUINEA/BISSAU.

2. SHE SAID HER REASON FOR CONTACTING US ON THIS MATTER
WAS TO TAKE PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS, ESPECIALLY WITH SC
MEMBERS, SINCE AFRICANS WISH TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT OF VETO
ON EITHER OF THESE POSSIBILITIES. (LATER SAID SHE HAD NOT
YET RAISED MATTER WITH EUROPEANS.)

3. REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OR RECOGNITION, SCHAUFELLE
REITERATED GUIDANCE FURNISHED STATE 200517, ADDING
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THAT US HAD NO INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE A JUDGMENT.

4. REGARDING SECOND POSSIBILITY, SCHAUFLE, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, SAID THAT HE SAW DIFFICULTIES IN CHARGE OF AGGRESSION, AGAINST PORTUGAL WHICH IS UN MEMBER AND MAY HOLD 50 PERCENT OF TERRITORY (AS PAIGC REP INDICATED TO AMB. TODMAN PREVIOUS DAY.) HE RECALLED SD RES 322 OF NOV. 1972 ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. IF AF'S DETERMINED TO PUSH SUCH AN ITEM, WHATEVER ITS TITLE, HE WONDERED WHETHER AFRICANS SHOULD NOT LOOK AGAIN AT THAT RES, IN THE DRAFTING OF WHICH AMB. CISSE WAS SO INTIMATELY CONCERNED.

5. HE ALSO ASKED AMB. CISSE WHAT PRESENT AFRICAN ATTITUDE IS TO THE REPEATED INVITATIONS BY THE GOVT, OF PORTUGAL TO REPRESENTATIVE OF SYG, GA, AND SC TO VISIT PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES INCLUDING GUINEA/BISSAU. AT FIRST AMB. CISSE POSED AS A CONDITION WILLINGNESS OF PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH PAIGC BUT LATER SEEMED TO DOWNPLAY THAT CONSIDERATION AND TALKED ABOUT MISSIONS TO BOTH AREAS.

6. COMMENT: AMB. SCHAUFLE SAID HE WOULD REFER QUESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT IF THE THREAT OF A VETO ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MEANS ANYTHING TO THE AFRICANS WE, IN CONSULTATION WITH UK AND FRANCE, SHOULD CONSIDER ADVISING THEM THAT GUINEA/BISSAU APPLICATION WOULD MEET WITH VETO. WE SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO KEEP BRITISH AND FRENCH OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ONE. REGARDING OTHER APPROACH, IF SC DISCUSSION OF GUINEA/BISSAU CANNOT BE AVOIDED, WE BELIEVE EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SECURING A RES SIMILAR TO 322 BUT CONCERNED SPECIFICALLY AND ONLY WITH GUINEA/BISSAU.

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